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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
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For SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE

Art Unit 3731

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 23/2825. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 52,078☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.  
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☐ Total of 1 forms are submitted.**Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)**

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